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FOR CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, in connection with above-identified U.S. patent application. The one-month period for response expired on February 4, 2007; that being a Sunday, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.